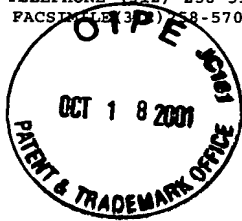


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DOCKET NO: P99,2666

Serial No: 09/462,994

GROUP ART UNIT: 2823

Filed: January 14, 2000

EXAMINER: B. Kebede

For: **INTEGRATED CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD FOR THE
MANUFACTURE THEREOF**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 11	MINUS	** 20	-0-	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 02	MINUS	** 03	-0-	() X 42.00 () X 84.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES (X) NO	() \$140.00 () \$280.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		NONE

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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- ☐ Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated _____ for _____ month(s) so that the period for response is extended to _____. A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached to cover the cost of the extension.
- ☐ A check for \$_____ is enclosed to cover the cost of _____ extra independent claim.
- ☐ A check for \$_____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$_____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 50-1519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning regarding this application, please call (312) 258-5785.

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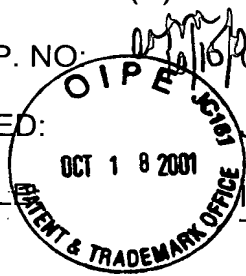
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2001, Applicants offer the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page one, cancel the last paragraph and insert therefore the following new paragraph:

- - When the useful structures and the filler structures are composed of conductive material, then a charging of the filler structures can occur during operation. In order to avoid this, the filler structures are applied to a fixed potential, as disclosed in Widmann, et al. This contacting ensues via specific wiring arranged in a metallization plane above the useful and filler structures. This additional wiring and the contacts between the additional wiring and the filler structures make production of the layout more difficult. - -